

# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Deaf-Blind Family/Educator Conference

*Opening Technology Windows for  
Learners with Deaf-Blindness*



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## Conference Agenda

**Friday June 14, 2013**

**4:00-6:00**            **Arrival and Check in**

**6:00-8:00**            **Registration**  
**Managers Reception (Behind the Waterfall)**

**Pre-Conference Session:**  
**Apps for iPads/Tablets and Smart Phones**

**Kid's Social Networking on Skype**

Please bring your iPads/tablets/phones and your favorite apps to share with one another. Also be sure to bring the kids and participate in a video-chat with our friends who have moved or "aged out".

**Saturday June 15, 2013**

**8:30-9:00**            **Children Dropped Off at Camp Timberlake**

**9:00-9:15**            **Welcome and Introduce Speaker**

**9:15-10:45**            **What is Assistive Technology?**  
Learn what the law says about Assistive Technology services and devices and how they relate to planning an appropriate educational program for your child or student. Understand the steps to take and tools to use for assessing a student's need for AT.

**10:45-11:00**            **Break**

**11:00-11:45**            **AT Resources in North Carolina and Equipment Options**

**11:45-1:15**            **Lunch (Assistive Technology Fair)**

<b>1:15-2:45</b>	<b>Access to Daily Living, Assisted Living and Environmental Controls</b> What does your child or student need to become more independent or access their environment better? We will explore a variety of options for daily living and how these devices can improve quality of life and enhance participation and achievement in educational programs.
<b>2:45-3:15</b>	<b>Break (Assistive Technology Fair)</b>
<b>3:15-4:30</b>	<b>Communication Devices and Strategies</b> There are many ways to communicate. We will explore some solutions and strategies for success using low-tech, mid-tech, and high-tech options.
<b>4:30-5:00</b>	<b>Pick-Up Children from Camp</b>
<b>6:00-7:30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>8:00-10:00</b>	<b>Mom's Social Networking</b>

**Sunday June 16, 2013**

<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Children Dropped Off at Camp Timberlake</b>
<b>9:00-10:30</b>	<b>Computers, Tablets, iPads and Alternate Access Methods</b> Children with vision, hearing, cognitive and physical impairments need to support with accessing life in general. Join us as we explore options for accessing the computer and iPad/tablet for a variety of purposes, including education and entertainment. This will cover vision, hearing, cognitive and physical impairments. A list of FREE and inexpensive options will be shared.
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45-11:45</b>	<b>AT Solutions, Strategies and Modifications for Learning</b> Literacy learning is for everyone and leads to improved reading, writing communication, and just for enjoyment. We'll explore multiple ways to improve reading, writing and ultimately communication on a variety of levels and how to make modifications for participation and interaction.
<b>11:45-1:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>1:15-2:30</b>	<b>Putting It All Together!</b> What are you going to do with all this information? We'll talk about how to effectively use the information to identify the next steps for the child – both at home and school.
<b>2:30-2:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:45-4:00</b>	<b>The Parent's Guide to Navigating Guardianship and SSI</b> We will walk through the North Carolina guardianship process. Our focus will be on understanding and tips to make it easier. We'll also provide instructions to organize your child's medical records to prepare for the SSI interview. These steps will save you time and money!
<b>4:00-4:30</b>	<b>Deaf-Blind Multi-handicapped Association of North Carolina (Parent Meeting)</b>  <b>ECU Teacher Support program (Teacher Meeting)</b>
<b>4:30-5:00</b>	<b>Pick-Up Children from Camp</b>
<b>4:30-5:45</b>	<b>Dad's Social Networking</b>
<b>6:00-7:30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>

**Monday June 17, 2013**

<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Children Dropped Off at Camp Timberlake</b>
<b>9:00-10:15</b>	<b>Parents as Collaborative Leaders</b> EVERY parent can become a leader! Join us in a fun and interactive session as we explore the roles of leadership, explore your own personal leadership "style" and identify ways to use this information to support your child.
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30-11:30</b>	<b>Parents as Collaborative Leaders (continued)</b>

**11:30-11:50**

**Camper Awards**

Join with your children in this can't miss event. Parade of awards followed by each child's presentation of what they have learned.

**11:50-12:00**

**Closing**

**12:00-1:15**

**Box Lunches**

You are welcome to eat your lunch here at the hotel or take it with you. Have a safe journey home.